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The Towcester and Olney branch of the East and West Junction Railway was on Thursday opened for passenger traffic, at Olney.

The new section, which is about twelve miles long, joins the Midland main line to London, and forms the connecting link of a new route between Stratford-on-Avon and the metropolis. The junction with the Midland affords communication with Bedford, Luton, St. Alban's, &c.

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**THE LOSS OF A JAPANESE WAR VESSEL.**  
74 PERSONS DROWNED.  
A Eoseter's telegram from Yokohama, re-

porting the loss of the Japanese war vessel Chishimaruikan, after being in collision with the British steamer Ravenna, states that the

**"EXTORTIONATE INTEREST."**  
At Cheshire Assizes on Thursday, Alfred Orrell was indicted for embezzling £300, received by him as manager of Messrs. Parr's Bank at Knutsford on March 18.—It was stated that the prisoner had borrowed £300 from a money lender, at 30 per cent. interest, in order to get married, and although the original money was still remaining, he had paid £1,400 in interest. Messrs. Parr recommended him to mercy, and a petition signed by every tradesman in Knutsford was submitted, giving him an excellent character.—Mr. Justice Lawrence said that money lending at extortionate rates of interest was almost a growing evil in this country as it was in Great Britain. The prisoner had struggled to meet the horrible debt which he had contracted to appropriate £300, and he was to be pitied. He sentenced him to four months' imprisonment.

**ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.**  
The Nantwich magistrate has committed the Nantwich gaoler, Seymour, alias Capt. Seymour, upon charges of obtaining money from Cheshire clergymen by false pretences. The prisoner, who is wanted at Maidstone, Bristol, and other places upon similar charges, represented that he had received commands of a yacht at Cowes, but was without money upon the strength of his lieutenant of Naval Lordship. He gave him a sovereign, and Seymour, who is suspected of having swindled clergymen in various parts of the country, was arrested in Kent through the

instrumentality of a clergyman who recognised in him a man who victimised him to

**A DEFINITION OF SWEATING.** How the *Living Wage* is Estimated. Mr. Hodge, a noted and well-known physiologist, was examined before the Labour Commission on the practice of sweating. Describing sweating as a custom of obtaining the maximum amount of work for the minimum amount of pay, he expressed the opinion that good employers might do more to remedy the evils arising from it. With regard to a class who worked was of such little value that place was at the mercy of the people who practised sweating, he did not know much could be done, but suggested improvement could be effected by sufficiently wide extension of the Fact Acts, placing greater responsibility on owners of premises where work was carried on by extending the system of inspection to tenants so as to say that all workmen should be taken from living rooms, or should be subcontracted by factories. The evils of sweating applied to people working by themselves in their own homes, and it had been suggested that the employers should be made responsible for the conditions under which this kind of home work was carried on. It might be possible to an end to home work altogether, but

doubted whether the individual could satisfactorily regulated in the way proposed. It was not his desire to put an end to

most work altogether. The responsibility for the conditions under which home work was done should be primarily on the employer, though the worker should also be personally responsible. —Mr. C. S. S. Secretary to the Charity Organisation Society.

depressed attempts on the part of the bodies to provide permanent employment on the lines which I have just suggested. He was aware that the representatives of the do-ers and of the following professions had been told that there should be municipal employment. Such suggestions are not natural for the professions, but, nevertheless, thought it was not advisable to give municipal employment. Such a system would tend to induce men to rely upon the employment instead of recognizing their responsibility to look for work.

**MR. HERBERT CARDNER, M.P.,**  
**THE WEST OF ENGLAND**  
A Welsh landowner living on  
of the farmers of Montserrat, who

organising evidence for the Welsh Commission, pointed out to the Menzies Amendment the fear of the Welsh la-

OF Agriculture cases in giving evidence against the lords, and requesting that some protection should be afforded to witnesses, has received the following reply:—  
"Mr. Gardner desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter. In reply to the intimation to which it relates, Mr. Gardner begs to draw your attention to the provisions of the Act for the Better Protection of Witnesses giving Evidence before Juries, &c., 1835, and 56 Geo. III. chap. 44."

**SMALL-POX IN LEEDS.**

Three fresh cases of cholera were reported on Thursday for the medical officers (Dr. Cameron, one had occurred in the town, and the other in the Wab and the other in Meadowdale). Almost every case persons affected are the labouring class. The family in the worst case broke out and have been sent to the manutonium. Scarlatina and it are also spreading in different parts borough.

**DISEASED MEAT.**

The Nuneaton magistrates on Thursday convicted Martha and George Farnworth, butchers in the town, for having been concerned in the sale of two harts of mutton in food.—The evidence showed that the meat was from a diseased animal.

By Rev. J. W. Russell, from actual

beasts died at Darwin from heat, poisoning, and were diseased, and sold for 10s. each. The Le

shiro police communicated with the Poulney, and on his visiting the seven quarters were found in the house, and a portion of the eighth shop—The male defendant first had been read, and afterwards asserted he had boiled and given to the female denied all knowledge of the but afterwards tried to conceal a The mother and son were each fined \$250.00 costs.

**ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BOMB  
DYNAMITE.**  
A Czech family of the working class

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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Parliament will meet on the 10th proximo for the despatch of business.

On Monday the Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Sandringham.

The Duke of Cambridge visited the Alhambra Theatre on Monday evening.

The Duke of Westminster has joined the council of the Cremation Society of England.

The Royal Portsmouth Hospital has received an anonymous gift of £1,000.

Lawyers in the United States number some 70,000.

Wednesday was the Bishop of London's birthday. He was born in 1821.

A monument is to be erected to the late Cardinal Lavigerie at Carthage.

The Duke of Fife is the owner of probably the largest deer forest, 91,000 acres.

A pumpkin that is said to weigh 200lb. is an agricultural curiosity of Los Angeles, California.

Three of the four Dutch Universities are open to women—namely, Leyden, Utrecht, and Amsterdam.

The recent loan exhibition of paintings at the Guildhall cost the Corporation of the City of London £721.

The imports into the United States during the week ending Nov. 20 amounted to the sum of 11,022,186 dollars.

In the first six months of this year the Madras Railway Company carried 30,213 tons of salt.

The production of distilled spirits of all kinds in America last year was 117,186,144 gallons.

The fourth centenary of the discovery of the route to India by Vasco da Gama will be celebrated throughout Portugal in 1897.

The name of Mr. James Theobald, M.P., has been added to the commission of the peace for the county of Essex.

The litigation in the Sutherland family has been widened by the determination of the duke to contest his father's will.

Thomas Bell has died at Edinburgh from poison. He drank some lotion, prepared for his leg, in mistake for whisky.

Herr Richard Schenke, son of a millionaire, committed suicide at Vienna by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Twelve infants under 1 year old were last week "overlain" in London—suffocated while in bed with their parents.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, a Washington clergyman, father of the late Mrs. Harrison, whose death recently occurred, has just passed away.

Admiral Henry Stroud, one of the oldest officers in the Navy, has recently died. His age was 85, and he leaves a widow whose age exceeds 90.

In the year 1881, 4,329 women, drunk and incapable, were taken up in the streets of Glasgow. In 1891 the number had increased to 6,120.

News has been received at Zanzibar that the members of the Anglo-German Boundary Commission have arrived at Wanga.

Mr. Justice Woods, judge in the Straits Settlements, is now on his way home, and is not expected to return to that post. His successor will get £1,200 a year.

In the Registrar-General's report, the death, last week, of a woman, aged 21 years, of Haverley-road, Islington, is certified as due to landers.

Mr. W. H. Flanders Petrie has been appointed to the chair of Egyptology founded at University College under the will of the late Miss Amelia B. Edwards.

External carcasses are to be erected at Brighton Workhouse, so that should a fire occur the inmates may be provided with adequate means of escape.

Mr. W. Jessop, of Wallingwells, the owner of a large estate in East Yorkshire, has promised to return his tenants half their rents for the present and coming half-year.

Murders broke into the residence of Mr. Thomas Matthews, common count-down, at Brentwood, and stole a collection of old coins, valued at 40s.

Many of the worst crimes committed in Bengal have been committed by natives after inhaling an insidious extract obtained from the hemp plant.

"A Friend" has given £1,000 towards the £20,000 required before the end of the year for the Bishop of St. Albans Fund for "London over the border."

A serious collision has occurred on the railway at Silleen, near Vienna. Several carriages of a passenger train were wrecked, and several passengers were killed.

The Rev. E. Ludlow, one of the oldest clergymen in England, died at Winterbourne St. Martin, Dorset, on Sunday, aged 92. He had been vicar of the parish fifty-four years.

It is proposed to build an electric railway from Brighton to Rottingdean, the line running about 100 yards from the cliff. The gauge will be the standard gauge of 2ft.

Mr. A. L. Sturges of the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company, says that the new line from Tilbury Docks to Komford will be finished by June.

The Government of India is offering prizes amounting to £2,000 for the best specimens of art suitable for military requirements. The competition will be international.

By the death of a relative, Mr. Russell, the postmaster of Sawbridgeworth, near Bishop Stortford, has succeeded to real and personal property of the value of £150,000.

A reliable salesman of Covent Garden Market states that the United States and Canada have already despatched 400,000 barrels of apples to Liverpool and London this season.

Mr. C. S. Read asserts that even at 40s a quarter wheat cannot be produced in Norfolk at a profit. With the present average price of 2s. per quarter the position of affairs is ruinous.

Chief-officer Hodge, of the British steamer Donny, from Rio Janeiro, received injuries at New York which are feared may prove fatal. A derrick, rigged for landing the cargo, fell and struck him on the head.

The tradesmen of Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse Monday presented Princess Marie with a wedding present in the form of a magnificent silver bowl on an ebony plinth. Princess Marie acknowledged the gift.

The War Office has been surprised to receive so many applications for the new Volunteer officers' decorations. The fear is that these excessive claims will deprive the honour of its significance and value.

Over 800 Irish priests have sent their names to be affixed to the address which will be presented to the Pope on the anniversary of his episcopal conversion in February. The address will be presented on the arrival of the projected great Irish pilgrimage.

A commotion has been created in military circles in St. Petersburg by the report that four officers of the Pavlovsky Regiment of the Guard have been cashiered for playing cards and getting intoxicated with private officers.

Lord Rosebery is to take the chair at the house dinner of the National Liberal Club on the 12th inst., on which occasion Mr. Edward Blake, M.P., will present on behalf of the

Liberals of Canada, Mr. Gladstone's portrait, by Mr. J. Colin Forbes, of Toronto.

There were registered last week in London 2,291 births—1,223 males and 1,068 females.

The deaths recorded in the same period numbered 1,447—717 males and 730 females.

The Russian Government is reported to have decided that foreign capital and foreign engineers shall not be allowed to participate in the construction of the Siberian railways.

A good deal of criticism of a hostile character has been evoked in Sydney at the action of the New South Wales Government in floating £200,000 of Treasury bills in London.

Three hundred and twenty-eight thousand divorces have been granted by the courts of the United States during the past twenty years, 90 per cent. of them being at the suit of women.

There are 384 entries for the Smithfield Cattle Show, which opens next Monday. The number last year was 530. There are 313 head of cattle, 174 pens of sheep, and 97 pens of pigs.

An analysis has just been completed of the contents of the stomach of Gamble Weir, the superintendent of police in Pittsburgh. Three different poisons were found in sufficient quantities to cause death.

California claims to possess the largest fig orchard in the world. It is said to occupy 160 acres of land. An American contemporary declares that 2,160lb. of figs were obtained from twelve trees in one season.

Mr. Montague Crackanthorpe, Q.C., is the new member of the Council of Law Reporting in the place of Sir John Rixby, who, as Solicitor-General, has become an ex-officio member.

The Local Government Board have, it is said, made an order fixing the annual rateable value of "not less than 45" as the rating qualification for Guardians of the Poor of the several unions and parishes of England and Wales.

Brazil is said to be passing through a severe financial, agricultural, and industrial crisis, and the Government and Chambers have appointed a commission to consider the best means of improving that country's trade and prospects.

Richard Clarke, 25, a carpenter, who said he lived at Knapel-street, Chelsea, was charged at Clerkenwell with knowingly charging a counterfeit half-crown to Arthur Abbey, tobaccoist, of Gray's Inn-road. Prisoner was remanded.

At Liverpool, Thomas Wilson and James Gattin, middle-aged men, charged with burglary at Larkhill, the residence of Mr. A. J. Jones, and stealing money and jewellery valued at £100, belonging to Commander Neilson, of Bonfract, a guest at the house, were committed for trial.

A patient named Blair, declared to be dangerously mad, has escaped from the City of London Lunatic Asylum at Stone, near Dartford. A singular feature in the case was that just before his escape Blair was seen to be in possession of about £20.

"Col." A. M. Nichol, of the Salvation Army, was summoned at Highgate, to show cause why he should not be committed to prison for the non-payment of a fine of 20s. for contravention of the Vaccination Acts. In the absence of the defendant the case was adjourned.

A man named Joseph Cooper and two friends were walking near the railway works at Spokane, Washington, when they were confronted by two robbers, one of whom said: "Hold up your hands, Cooper."

"What for?" A shot was the answer. Cooper fell dead. The robbers escaped.

At the North Wales Assizes, before Justice Lawrence, Thomas Beach, a farmer, of Guilsfield, Montgomeryshire, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for having shot a poacher named Davies, whom he found ferreting on his farm. Sixty-five shots had struck the injured man.

Mr. Hopkins, sitting at the Lambeth Police Court, sentenced Henry Norris, a labourer, to three months' hard labour for violently assaulting P.C. Summerfield, of the P Division. The prisoner was stated to have struck the officer without the slightest provocation.

Sir C. Russell, M.P., headed a deputation to the City Corporation asking them to give £25,000 towards the purchase of the Hackney Marshes, to which the London County Council had contributed £400,000. The memorial was sent to the Coal, Corn, and Finance Committee.

An extraordinary disaster has occurred at Castle Eden Colliery. A stream of water, known as the Sandfader, broke into the pit, and not only flooded a large portion of the workings, rendering nearly 400 hands idle, but cut off the water supply of the inhabitants, and created a water famine in the district.

James Taylor, who said he was a market porter, was remanded by the Southwark Police Court magistrate on a charge of assaulting a young man named Sweeney. It was alleged that the accused asked Sweeney for a "penny for half a pint," and then knocked him down and kicked him. Taylor denied the accusation.

Lord Carlisle's tenants on the Dudding estate, Essex, have sent a memorial asking him to let them the shooting rights over the estate. They say that the game at present commits such ravages as to threaten ruin to many holders of the soil, while the rabbits have increased to an unequalled extent.

A puzzled person, who could not readily cash a postal order of the new issue, has been informed by Mr. James J. Cardin, receiver and accountant-general of the Post Office that "the words 'not negotiable' have no statutory meaning as regards postal orders—they merely indicate that the owner of a postal order cannot convey to any one a better title than he has himself."

It is stated that Canon Leigh is arranging for a great temperance mission, to take place early in the year at the Portman Rooms, Baker-street. Only lady speakers will be invited to address the meetings. Among these will be the Duchess of Bedford, the Countess of Carlisle, Lady Frederick Cavendish, Lady Elizabeth Biddulph, and Lady Henry Somerset.

Lord Rothschild has promised £200, the Marquis of Salisbury £100, the Earl of Clarendon £100, Earl Cowper £100, Earl Spencer £100, Lord Ebury £100, Sir J. Lubbock £100, and the Earl of Essex £50, towards the fund which will be required should the Royal Agricultural Society accept the invitation to hold their 1894 show at St. Albans.

We are told by the London correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" that the youthful Earl of Arundel has recently been put under a course of hypnosis, with a view to seeing whether that treatment will succeed where medical science has failed. Some of the most celebrated hypnotic experts have been engaged for the purpose, and the young heir to the Norfolk dukedom is entirely in their hands.

Mr. Acland, Vice-president of the Council, attended the annual meeting of the Chelsea Centre of the University Extension Society. He said they looked to the London County Council to spend some of its funds in spreading University teachings, and it that Council spent ten or twenty thousand pounds to start a teaching university the Government

would not doubt be pressed to grant a similar amount.

Sir Henry G. Calcraft, Secretary of the Board of Trade, is seriously ill at Brighton from typhoid fever.

Maj. John Ross, chief constable of Aberdeenshire, died on Monday. He had served in Burma and the Punjab.

A man, 33 years of age, committed for trial by the Croydon magistrates on a charge of fraud, has spent thirty-one years of his life in prison.

James Griffiths, a carrier, aged 74, dropped dead from heart disease during service at the parish church, Daugharne, Carmarthenshire, on Sunday.

Two men at Southampton made a wager to swim three miles. After swimming a few yards one of the contestants suddenly sank and was drowned.

"Death from alcoholism and exposure" was the verdict returned at Skipton, York, at an inquest on a man named Hartley, found dead in the parish churchyard.

Mr. Jacob Styles, an Englishman in the service of the Austrian Emperor for 43 years, has been rewarded with the Knight's Cross of the Order of Francis Joseph.

Last week nine steamers landed cattle and dead meat at Liverpool from America and Canada ports, bringing a total supply of 1,845 cattle and 15,758 quarters of beef.

The Duchess of Teck opened a bazaar, at Wandsworth, to benefit the mission work connected with St. Michael's, Southfields, one of the poorest districts of the locality.

Compared with the previous few weeks there was a large increase in the number of London suicides last week. Ten persons committed self-destruction.

Ratepayers of Gillingham, near Chatham, decided, by a majority of 410, that they did not require a school board in the parish. Out of 5,000 voters only 1,738 polled.

The present year's harvest of hops in England was grown on 413,239 acres, a decline of 2,457 acres compared with the production of 1891.

At Kanagawa a man named Isachiro has been sentenced to confinement for three years in a Japan prison for having fatally assaulted a political opponent during some election disturbances.

Dr. Adler, the chief rabbi, left London on Monday on a pastoral visit to Ireland. He will visit Belfast, Cork, and Limerick, and consecrate a new synagogue in Adelaide-road, Dublin.

There are 95,303 landowners in New Zealand. The aggregate value of their properties is given as £54,427,175 unimproved and £22,371,108 improved. Thirty-six persons in the colony have over 100,000 acres each.

A ten miles race for veteran professionals of 50 years of age and upwards was run at Stamford Bridge Grounds, and won by Warburton, who accomplished the distance in 61min. 39.1-sec.

In consequence of the new stock tax in Victoria smuggling cattle across the border from South Australia is now a common practice. Two of the smugglers were recently caught in the act and heavily fined.

Mr. Frederick Cockburn, Queen's coroner and attorney, has died at his residence, Clarendon Gardens, after a long illness. He held the post of a master of the Crown Office for several years past, and was a highly respected official of the Supreme Court.

The revival of a taste for learning among Japanese women is specially remarkable in Osaka, Kyoto, and the adjoining districts. In Tokyo, the number of students is constantly increasing in several female schools.

It is stated at New York that Mr. Harrison will make a tour in Europe next summer, and visit the principal manufacturing centres with the object of studying and contrasting the conditions of labour in Great Britain and the United States.

Should an emigration bill be introduced in the Canadian Diet become law, emigrants would in future have to obtain permission to leave the country from the police, and to furnish evidence that they were not seeking escape from any prior obligations.

On the plea that small-pox is spreading in their district, the Daxington Board of Guardians have rescinded a resolution, adopted two years ago, not to prosecute parents for committing to have their children vaccinated.

So as to conform to certain regulations of the United States Government, all emigrants embarking at Queenstown will, in future, have to declare on oath, before a magistrate, that they are proceeding to join in America either a father, mother, sister, or brother.

"The idea of the settling of the price of the hire of land by the State," thinks the Duke of Argyll, "is an absurd and irrational piece of meddling by the same agency, the price of the produce of the land, or of the hire of labour, or of anything else that is bought or hired."

Some 4,287,000 persons (exclusive of troops and the police) were, during the first six months of this year, carried by the Madras Railway Company. Compared with 1891, there was a decrease of 398 first-class passengers, and an increase of 50,351 third-class passengers.

Mr. Arthur Lyon Bowley, B.A., scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, has carried off the Cobden prize for 1892. The subject of the essay is, "Changes in the volume, character, and geographical distribution of England's foreign trade in the nineteenth century and their causes."

A bank manager, named Orrett, was sentenced, at Chester Assizes on Thursday, to four months' imprisonment for embezzling £330 from the Chester and North Wales Bank. The money was found to have been used in the purchase of a house in the city. He had borrowed £200 from a Chester money-lender at 30 per cent. He had paid back £1,400 in interest, and still owed the original sum.

The Watch Committee of the Manchester Corporation on Thursday granted a dramatic license to the Palace of Varieties in that city on the understanding that the management would not apply for an excise license. The dramatic license was refused on former occasions because the management refused this undertaking.

Greenwich Police Court is now being repaired, and for some months the magisterial business will be conducted at the Lecture Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich. On Tuesday the court sat there for the first time. The prisoners were taken from the old court in the prison van, and at the close of the business those convicted or remanded were taken back to the cells by the same means.

A happy and vigorous old lady in New Hampshire gives these rules for the secret of her long life: "I never allow myself to fret over things I cannot help. I take a nap, and sometimes two, every day; and I try to oil all the various wheels of a busy life with an implicit belief that I can trust Him who rules this great universe."

The receipts on account of revenue from April 1, when there was a balance of £4,235,169, to Nov. 28, were £32,262,162, against £22,785,979 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £6,370,897. The net expenditure was £37,920,142, against £27,043,958 to the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balances on Nov. 28

amounted to £1,335,185, and at the same date in 1891 to £2,243,882.

It is estimated that the world's consumption of sugar is now some 470,000 tons more than it was two years ago.

The Rev. Dr. Stephenson has declined the pastorate of the Metropolitan Methodist Church at Washington.

Notice has been issued at Zanzibar that from Feb. 1 an import duty will be imposed on wine, opium, and tobacco.

The Rev. William Covington, vicar of Brompton, has accepted the vacant prebendary stall in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A fisherman, named Faulding, was arrested at Hull on a charge of firing two revolver shots at his wife, and then attempting to commit suicide.

Poor-law statistics show that in the second week of last month there were 94,245 paupers in the metropolitan area. Last year at the same period the number was 90,827.

The report of the railway commissioners of South Australia for the past year shows a surplus of £450,000, or a profit of 4 per cent. on the total capital expenditure.

The order of the Local Government Board with reference to the reduced qualification of guardians of the poor is to come into operation on Jan. 1.

The Russian Government has appointed a special commission to draw up a scheme for the establishment of a Ministry of Agriculture.

At Monmouth, Justice Day sentenced James Rees, aged 70, a farmer, of Penryhoel, near Pontypool, to five years' penal servitude for stealing two sheep.

The total loss of domestic animals in Russia in one year by wolves amounted to 800,000, valued at \$6,000,000 rubles. And the number of wolves does not appreciably decrease.

This is the Bishop of London's advice to clergymen who desire to convince their congregations:—"Write your sermons over three times, then burn it, and preach what you remember of it."

The Rev. J. R. Harmer, of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has been appointed rector of St. Mary Abchurch, in the City, in succession to the late Rev. E. B. Gibson, M.A., whose death took place a few weeks ago.

The husband of a prima donna in America has recently resented a criticism of his wife's performance, it was pointed out that he must be very thin skinned, because the critic only said that the lady could neither sing nor act.

The Duke of Edinburgh was principal violinist at a concert given by the Plymouth Choral and Orchestral Societies on Wednesday night. He played on a remarkably fine Stradivarius.

The Baptist Missionary Society's effort to raise during the present year a special centenary thanksgiving fund of £100,000 has been more than accomplished. The amount contributed now stands at £105,625.

Under a military law a census of carrier-pigeons will shortly be taken in France. Pigeon owners neglecting to fill in the returns will subject themselves to severe penalties.

Albert Rath, inmate of a prison at Sunbury, Pennsylvania, developed symptoms of madness, during which he broke a glass in his cell, ate the fragments, and killed himself.

A Westbury (Long Island) telegram says that a furious blizzard prevailed there on Wednesday, the worst storm ever known on Long Island. Two feet of snow fell on the level, and all railway traffic was blocked.

P.C. Alexander Rowland, a brave metropolitan policeman of the E Division, has been given the Royal Humane Society's medal for jumping into the Thames to the rescue of a drowning man.

Mrs. Tel Sona, a cultured Japanese lady, an earnest temperance reformer, is seeking to establish in Japan a non-sectarian Christian training-school for women and girls in her own position in life.

A German Swiss, named Gauting, was charged, at Bow-street, with having stolen seals belonging to the University of Bonn, in connection with which body the defendant was a private tutor. He was committed with a view to his extradition.

Canada is to have a Department of Trade and Commerce. The present Departments of Customs and Inland Revenue will be placed under controllers, whose office will be similar to that of Under-secretaries of State in Great Britain.

Certain scientific men claim to have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Too much food, too much physical exercise, and too much education, they assert, are the worst foes of the memory.

The silver challenge cup for swimming given by Mr. Henry Hill for competition between the Working Men's Institute, Whitechapel, and the St. Bride's Youth's Institute, Shoe-lane, has been won this year by the St. Bride's Youth's Institute.

The cultivation of English fruit in the neighbourhood of Simla is about to be tried on a very extensive scale. During the next seven years the Punjab Government is prepared to carry out a scheme at an annual cost of £900 rupees.

The son of Mr. Lorenzo Lawelling (who was not a testaller) as governor of Kansas has been followed by the opening of liquor saloons throughout that State, without any check, in spite of the prohibition law.

The Inland Revenue authorities prosecuted at Keighley George Briggs, joiner, 68, and his stepson, Ambrose Briggs, bolt-maker, 67, for brewing and distilling illicit spirits. Briggs was fined £300, or eighteen months' imprisonment. Riley was fined £140 or six months.

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., left Queenstown on Thursday for Canada, where he will study the relations between the Dominion Parliament and the provincial legislative bodies, with a view to utilising his experience when the Home Rule question is again discussed in the British Parliament.

The Gloucester Festival came within 4102 of paying its way, and the stewards are called upon for only 15s. each. There is now ground for hope, says the "Musical Times," that the era of assessments upon the guarantors has come to an end. Dr. Hubert Parry has been asked to compose a new track for the festival of 1895.

The publisher of the Religious Tract Society was prosecuted before the Lord Mayor by the London Society of Lithographic Printers, for a breach of the Merchandise Marks Act. The offence alleged was that two children's books issued by the defendant carried a statement that they were lithographed in Holland. The Lord Mayor decided that there had been no false trade description, and he dismissed the summons.

(MEDICAL.) "A CASE."—ALL WHO ARE BOYLED BY SUFFERING from nervous exhaustion, impaired vitality, spinal weakness, loss of memory and brain power, diseases of the kidneys or prostate gland, gravel, pain in the back and loins, urinary derangement of the urinary organs, will find in the Reverend Joseph Holmes' Medicinal Prescription a guaranteed remedy. Discovered in Old Mexico. To introduce the medicine into England, genuine sufferers will receive the prescription free of charge. Sole agent—JOSEPH HOLMES' REMEDY CO., 10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.—(Notice this paper.) (Advis.)

## FATHER, DAUGHTER, AND SWEETHEART.

At the West London Police Court, Mr. Plowden heard an application from an elderly man who wished to get rid of the tutor of his daughter, both of whom were in court.

The applicant stated that his daughter occupied a room in his house, but the young man paid the rent.—Mr. Plowden said the applicant could not prevent the young man from going to the room. He must get rid of his daughter.—Mr. Hanson, solicitor, said he represented the daughter, who wished for a summons against her father for threats. She waited upon an invalid mother, who was 90 years of age.—The daughter was called up and questioned. She said the young man had the rent because he wished to do so.—The young man told the magistrate that he had been courting the daughter for three years, and they intended to be married at Christmas.—Mr. Plowden: I hope it will come off. (Laughter.)—The young man was asked what he intended to do when he was married, and he replied they would leave the house.—Mr. Plowden said the applicant had not long to wait to get rid of his daughter. No process was granted to either side, and as the applicant was leaving the court the magistrate called to him to attend the wedding and give his daughter away. (Laughter.)

## AN UNREHEARSED INCIDENT.

An exciting incident was witnessed at the Theatre Royal, Portsmouth, the other night. During the performance of "The Young Rascals," business, the principal dancer, Miss Violet Malvern, while executing the first dance, approached too near the footlights, and her foot catching in the wire, she was thrown with violence into the orchestra below. In a few minutes she returned to the stage and completed the dance, on the conclusion of which she fell, apparently from exhaustion.

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A Reuter's telegram from Sydney states that the wife of the man charged with the murder of the baby, Sarah Maki,

that JOHN MAKIN, and his wife Sarah Makin, have been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter, owing to the discovery of the bodies of fifteen infants in houses occupied by them at different times. Makin's daughters, who were also arrested, have been discharged.

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